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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Pat Meehan today announced the filing of an Indictment¹ against Shawna Matthews, charging her with straw purchasing a firearm. The indictment alleges that Matthews purchased a Smith & Wesson, .40 caliber pistol from a gun shop and certified that she was the actual buyer of the firearm, when in fact, she was purchasing the firearm for someone else.

If convicted, the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of 5 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
Shawna Matthews	Philadelphia, PA	29

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Federal Bureau of Investigation and has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Louis D. Lappen.

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